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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 3 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Programme of work

Sierra Leone

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1160 (1998)

3 p.m.	13th (closed) meeting*	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | 4th meeting | Conference Room 1

General debate:

Bangladesh
Indonesia
United Arab Emirates
South Africa
China
Japan
Peru
Costa Rica
Egypt
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Norway

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 8th meeting | Conference Room 1

1. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations [88]: draft resolution I (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

2. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories [89]: draft resolution II (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

3. Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration (item 18): draft decision (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

4. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [90]: draft resolution III (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

5. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [91]: draft resolution (A/C.4/55/L.2)

6. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

   (a) Question of Western Sahara: draft resolution (A/C.4/55/L.3)

   (b) Question of Gibraltar: draft decision (A/C.4/55/L.4)

   (c) Question of New Caledonia: draft resolution IV (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

   (d) Question of Tokelau: draft resolution V (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

   (e) Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands: draft resolution VI (A/55/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | 5th meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

General debate *(continued)*:

Tajikistan
Uruguay
Uganda
Cuba
Malawi
Guatemala
Indonesia
Ethiopia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Monaco
Botswana
Israel
Viet Nam
Senegal
The International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 3

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [169]

General discussion

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 153 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Review of the rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States (A/54/763 and A/54/869) and 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: Letters dated 17 July and 26 September 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2 and A/C.5/55/12))

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMNISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Second session

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation), will be held *today*, 3 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held *today*, 3 October, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects)

Informal consultations of interested delegations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects) will be held *today*, 3 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room B.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 3 October 2000

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

10 a.m.- 12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

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Announcement

As from *today*, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 4 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Working Group.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects will hold an informal inter-sessional meeting on Friday, 6 October 2000, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to continue its consideration of the following informal proposals of the Chairman circulated to delegations during the informal inter-sessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee held 17-19 July 2000: draft objective of the Conference, draft provisional agenda, structure and elements for a Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects.

All States, as well as specialized agencies, other relevant intergovernmental organisations and relevant entities, having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and in the work of the General Assembly are invited to participate.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon) will take place on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to discuss the themes for the 2001 Economic and Social Council High-level Segment and Coordination Segment.

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United Nations Development Programme

The first informal consultation on the *Human Development Report* 2001 will be held on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Joint Coordinating Committee of the Group of 77 and the Non-Aligned Movement (JCC) *(at the ambassadorial level) (on a briefing by Ambassador Lakhdar Brahimi on the report of the Panel on Peace Operations)* on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room D.

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The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues on climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation, scheduled for Thursday, 5 October 2000 has been postponed until Thursday, 9 November 2000 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 4 October, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Thursday and Friday, 5 and 6 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Trade Organization (WTO) a Workshop on International Trade Negotiations as part of the International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Wednesday, 18 to Friday, 20 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 11 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Panel discussions

There will be a panel discussion on "Ageing and Development", sponsored by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), in collaboration with the United Nations Programme on Ageing, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Speakers will include Mr. Akilagpa Sawyerr, Association of African Universities; Mr. Ascobat Gani, University of Indonesia; Ms. Linda Wong, City University of Hong Kong (and currently working at DESA); and Mr. Antony de Bono, International Institute on Ageing. Mr. Nizamuddin, Director, Technical and Policy Division of UNFPA, and Mr. Sidorenko, Chief, United Nations Programme on Ageing, will also participate in the discussion. Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will open the meeting. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be a panel discussion on "Ageing and the World of Work", co-sponsored by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), on Friday, 6 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA. The speakers will be Mr. Ali Taqi, Special Adviser, ILO; Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Chief, Programme on Ageing, DESA; Mr. James Schulz, Professor Emeritus, Brandeis University; and Ms. Helen Hamlin, Chair, NGO Committee on Ageing. Members of permanent missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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The International Labour Organization (ILO) will host a discussion on "Gender, Poverty and Employment: An ILO Perspective" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. The discussants will be Ms. Youyoun Zhang, Director, Bureau for Gender Equality, and Ms. Amelita King-Dejardin, Employment Specialist, Informal Sector Unit, Skills Development Department, ILO, Geneva. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Cindy Berman (tel.: (212) 697-0150, extension 106).

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There will be a panel discussion on "Cities Without Slums", co-sponsored by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the World Bank, on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The participants will include H.E. Mr. Sergio Vento, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations; Mayor Hector Silva of San Salvador (El Salvador); Mrs. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat); and Ms. Frannie Leautier, Director, Infrastructure Division, World Bank. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, will be the moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special event

There will be a presentation of the video "World Bank 2000: Prague and the Annual Report", organized by the World Bank, on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The presentation will be followed by a briefing on the 2000 Annual Report of the World Bank. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Special Representative to the United Nations, is organizing a debriefing following the annual meetings of September 2000 of the IMF. The debriefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 3 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 2 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3rd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General made a statement.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Mexico, France (on behalf of the European Union), Sweden (on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition), New Zealand, Argentina, Viet Nam (on behalf of ASEAN) and Brazil.

Election of the Vice-Chairmen

The Committee elected Mr. Abdelkader Mesdoua (Algeria) as Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

SECOND COMMITTEE

3rd meeting

Election of officers

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan) as Vice-Chairman of the Committee. Mr. Ahmed Amaziane (Morocco) was elected, by acclamation, as Rapporteur.

Organization of work

The Committee had before it documents A/55/250 and Corr.1 and A/C.2/55/L.1 and Add.1.

The Chairman orally revised revised the programme of work contained in document A/C.2/55/L.1. as follows: the morning meeting, on Friday, 6 October, will be allocated to macroeconomic policy questions: sub-item 92 (e) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries), the afternoon meeting of Friday, 6 October and the morning meeting of Monday, 9 October, will be allocated to sub-item 92 (d) (Science and Technology for Development).

The Committee approved the programme of work, as orally revised.

The Chairman made statement.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, the other associated countries (Cyprus, Malta) which aligned themselves with the statement), Norway, Bangladesh, Egypt, Pakistan, Japan, Peru, China, Mexico, Samoa (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)), Ghana and Honduras.

4th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Ukraine, the Russian Federation, Ecuador, Belarus, Morocco, United Arab Emirates, Namibia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), the United States, Nepal and Philippines.

The Chairman reported on the informal consultations on the video link with the high-level meeting of the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board from Geneva, which will take place in the morning of 16 October.

The representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77), Sudan and Guyana made statements.

The representative of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development made a statement.

The Chairman of the Committee proposed that the main theme be "Regional integration" with a sub-theme "Integration of the least developed countries into the global economy."

The Committee postponed its consideration of the matter to a later meeting.

THIRD COMMITTEE 9th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]

International drug control [106]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, San Marino, Chile, Monaco, Algeria, Senegal, Egypt, China and the Russian Federation.

The Secretary made a statement.

The representative of Uganda made a statement.

10th meeting

The Committee continued its joint consideration of items 105 and 106 and heard statements by the representatives of Kuwait, Indonesia, Cuba, Belarus (on behalf of the Commonwealth of Independent States), the Sudan, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, Poland, Iraq and Nigeria.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 5th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, Mr. Ugo Sessi (Italy), introduced the report of that Committee (A/55/11).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Iceland), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Brazil, the United States, China, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea, Croatia, Japan, Norway, South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Argentina, India, Pakistan, Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group) and Botswana.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to set 6 p.m. on Monday, 2 October, as the deadline for the closure of the list of speakers on agenda item 122.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

6th meeting

Pattern of conferences [121]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, Ms. Valeria Maria Gonzalez Posse (Argentina), introduced the report of that Committee (A/55/32).

The Committee had before it documents A/55/134, A/55/182, A/55/259, A/55/410, A/54/849 and A/AC.172/2000/6.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/55/430).

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta Turkey and Norway), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Bangladesh and the United States.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to set 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 3 October, as the deadline for the closure of the list of speakers on agenda item 121.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.83

The Committee had before it documents A/C.5/54/L.83, A/C.5/54/64 and A/54/690/Add.2.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the report of that Committee.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, since the subject matter had been taken over by events, a decision by the Fifth Committee on the statement of the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.83, contained in document A/C.5/54/64, was no longer needed at this stage.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget implications of General Assembly resolution 54/283 on the review of the problem of HIV/AIDS in all its aspects

The representative of Portugal, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/55/L.4.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

The representative of the Republic of Korea, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.5.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2000

661st and 662nd (closed) meetings

General comments [8]

The Committee considered the item.

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee considered reports by States parties.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR). Geneva, 30 September 1957

Accession: Azerbaijan (28 September 2000)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Accession: Azerbaijan (28 September 2000)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Approval: Azerbaijan (28 September 2000)*

* Date of receipt of relevant documents.

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Thailand (2 October 2000)

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. Aarhus, Denmark, 25 June 1998

Approval: Denmark (29 September 2000)*

International Coffee Agreement, 1994, as extended until 30 September 2001, with modifications, by Resolution No. 384 adopted by the International Coffee Council in London on 21 July 1999. London, 30 March 1994

Acceptance: Cuba (29 September 2000)*

* Date of receipt of relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exibit

An exhibit of photographs entitled "Ending Rural Poverty: A Challenge for the 21st Century", sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), will be on display from 4 to 31 October 2000, in the south corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building. An opening ceremony will take place on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, at 11.30 a.m. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special event

An event to launch the first World Space Week will be held on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The programme will highlight opportunities presented by space technology for addressing such issues as security, health, education and access to information in developing countries. A message from the Secretary-General will be delivered by Mr. Hogen Kensaku, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information. Ms. Mazlan Othman, Director, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (OOSA), will give an opening address, followed by a videotaped message by science-fiction author Arthur C. Clarke. Lou Dobbs, Chief Executive Officer, SPACE.com, and former anchor, CNN, will moderate a panel of space explorers from India, Romania, the United States, and European Space Agency. There will be presentations on space technology being used to improve agriculture and disaster management in China, and on space for humanitarian relief, followed by a space conference for students. The programme is sponsored by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (OOSA) and the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Planetary Society. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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International Day of Older Persons

On the occasion of the tenth annual commemoration of the International Day of Older Persons, the NGO Committee on Aging, in collaboration with the United Nations Programme on Ageing, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the Department of Public Information, will hold an event on the theme "Towards a Society for All Ages" on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The speakers in the morning programme will include H.E. Sra. Julia T. de Alvarez, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Arthur C.I. Mbanefo, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Inocencio F. Arias, Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations. The afternoon programme will include a screening of clips from the film "The Buena Vista Social Club" followed by a panel dialogue on "Multigenerational/multicultural Perspectives on life in the older years". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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